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RE: *In the matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, and its Tariff
Filing to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service,
Case No. GR-2003-0157 0517 - pah*

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and 9 copies each of *Missouri Department of Natural Resources Affidavits of Anita Randolph and Carla Potts*. Please stamp "filed" on the extra copies for my files. Thank you.

Sincerely,

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON
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c: Counsel of Record

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AFFIDAVIT OF CARLA POTTS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF PIKE) ss.

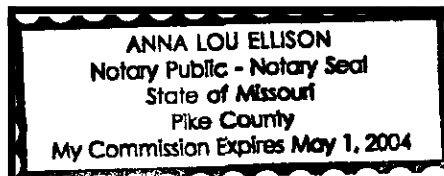
Carla Potts, being duly sworn on her oath, hereby states that she has participated in the preparation of the foregoing Testimony in question and answer form; that the answers in the foregoing Testimony were given by her; that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters were true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Carla Potts
Carla Potts

Anna Lou Ellison

Notary Public

My commission expires:



Subscribed and sworn before me this 16 day of October, 2003

Exhibit No.:
Issues: Commitment to Provide Low or No
Cost Weatherization Assistance to
AmerenUE Natural Gas Low-Income
Customers
Witness: Carla Potts
Sponsoring Party: Department of Natural Resources,
Missouri Energy Center
Type of Exhibit: Testimony
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DIRECT TESTIMONY

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OF

CARLA POTTS

NORTH EAST COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION

October 24, 2003

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
TESTIMONY OF
CARLA POTTS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

CASE NO. GR-2003-0517

1 Q. What benefit do the families derive from weatherization?

2 A. The low income (many of whom are elderly) live in homes that are not energy efficient. This
3 results in extremely high heating bills and makes many of them make the choice between
4 staying warm and paying for other basic necessities such as food, rent, or medication. These
5 homes are, in most cases, not insulated and/or do not have energy efficient heating systems.
6 Weatherization is a long-term response to these problems. Utility bills are reduced if these
7 homes are made more energy efficient. For our families, this means reduced heating bills,
8 warmer homes in the winter, and less worry about making the choice between having heat
9 and buying food for their families. Weatherization cost savings are not a one time savings--
10 these are lasting energy efficiency improvements that reduce their bills year after year. This
11 is not a short-term solution to a problem--this is a long-term solution to a problem facing
12 low- income Missourians.

13 R. Is there a need for the AmerenUE program to continue?

14 A. Yes. Since 2001, NECAC has weatherized 62 homes with AmerenUE dollars. In the
15 AmerenUE service area, there are another 281 families on the waiting list with 239 of those
16 families being AmerenUE gas customers. Since January 1st, 2003, the list has grown by 83
17 families with 54 of them being AmerenUE gas customers.
18 This program is vitally important to these families. For these families, the 62 homes
19 weatherized had an average savings-to-investment ratio of \$3.37 saved for each dollar
20 invested. (Based on the Department of Energy's National Energy Audit). All of these families
21 live at or below the 150% of the federal poverty level. High energy bills consume the
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22 household budget, leaving little room for meeting the basic necessities of life.

1 By leveraging the AmerenUE dollars with federal Weatherization dollars, NECAC is able to
2 help families that would not receive the weatherization services in the near future. For these
3 families, this program means affordable energy bills and not having to make the critical
4 choices between basic necessities and a comfortable home for their families.

5 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

6 A. Yes. Thank you.

Carla Potts, Deputy Director for Community Programs, North East Community Action Corporation, being duly sworn on her oath hereby verifies that the above facts are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

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